

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR NOTIFICATION ON AN ELECTRONIC HANDHELD
DEVICE USING AN ATTENTION MANAGER

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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A method and system for notification in a palm-sized computer system. Specifically, in one embodiment of the present invention, an Attention Manager manages application demand for a user's attention. The Attention Manager

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receives multiple attention requests from varying applications. With each new attention request received that indicates a record needs a user's attention, the Attention Manager stores the request in memory and determines if there are other outstanding attention requests that have not been

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cleared. Depending on the number of outstanding requests, the Attention Manager sends a request for record information in list or detail format. If there are multiple outstanding attention requests, the Attention Manger displays a

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notification dialog in a list format. If there is only one outstanding attention request, the Attention Manager displays the notification dialog in detail format. Additionally, a simple user interface to navigate to the application and record entry requiring attention is provided.

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